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Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Fall 2023 Early Online College Program (HS)

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) is growing their Early Online College program. NOVA is launching a Career Studies Certificate through Early Online College! The [IT Technical Support C.S.C.](#) is an employable certificate that also prepares students for 5 industry certifications.

Early Online College (EOC) gives **qualified juniors and seniors** an opportunity to take up to two tuition-free courses. Fall 2023 EOC courses run from September 18-December 12, 2023. Students must meet placement requirements and understand there may be textbooks or other material fees associated with courses. Since these classes are online, classes will not meet in real time. Students will need access to a computer and the Internet.

The program provides an accelerated opportunity to earn transferable college only credits.

Course Options:

- ARA 101 and 102 - Beginning Arabic I & II
- CST 110 - Introduction to Human Communication

- ECO 202 - Principles of Microeconomics
- HIS 102 - Western Civilization Post-1600 CE
- ITE 152 - Intro to Digital and Info Literacy and Computer Applications (part of the IT Technical Support C.S.C)
- MUS 121 - Music in Society
- PLS 140 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
- REL 100 - Intro to the Study of Religion
- SDV 100 - College Success Skills (part of the IT Technical Support C.S.C)

Details about the Online Early College Program can be found [here](#).

Parent Resource Center Name Change to Family Resource Center

FCPS' Parent Resource Center has changed its name to the Family Resource Center (FRC). This change recognizes the diversity of families that the division serves, and "acknowledges families in a more inclusive way," says Renee LaHuffman-Jackson, coordinator of Family and School Partnerships. "One of the goals of the FRC is to partner with any adult who plays a significant role in a student's life. We know that these adults play a critical role.

Last year, the Family Resource Center served more than 7,500 families, school staff, and community members. Families can find printable resource guides and details about the center's free lending library on [FRC's homepage](#). They may also [sign up to receive the FRC newsletter](#) for updates on webinars, resources, and other information.

If you have questions, please contact the FRC via email at frc@fcps.edu or call 703-204-3941.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The month of May is a time to pause and raise awareness of the fact that many people live everyday with mental and behavioral health issues and there is a need to reduce the stigma attached with the experience. Post-COVID the reality is that millions of Americans are dealing with an increase in mental, behavioral, and substance misuse illnesses in their families (NAMI). Additional mental health challenges by the COVID-19 pandemic have also increased youth related substance use, mental health struggles, and suicide (HHS). According to HHS, suicide is still the second highest cause of death in youth ages 10 to 14 and adults from ages 24 to 35. This prompted the July 2022 launch of **988**, the new three-digit code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** provides 24/7 call, text, and chat access to crisis counselors. It is for anyone experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crises or emotional distress. Concerns about loved ones may

also be addressed using the 988 dialing code. SAMHSA has described the new 988 dialing code as an important step in transforming how crisis and trauma situations are handled in the United States. Please note that the 800-273-8255 number still works, 988 is just built off of the 10-digit number.

Resources:

[Substance Use Prevention and Encouraging Healthy Brain Development](#)

[Together for Mental Health](#)

[Fact Sheet: Celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month 2022](#)

[988 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Review Students' Course Requests for Next School Year

Academic planning is underway for the 2023-2024 school year. Please take a moment to review your students' course requests for next school year, available through your SIS parent account or your student's SIS account under "Course Requests." Please note that this information is not a schedule, it is a list of courses only. Schedules will be finalized and released in August before school starts.

Contact a school counselor if any of the following situations apply: Too many or too few classes; Incorrect placement by grade (i.e. placed in English 12 instead of English 11) or level (i.e. regular or honors or AP); and Absence of a requested or required course or prerequisite not met. Students registered for these courses (and alternates when required) have agreed to remain in them the entire school year. Counselor contact information by the student's last name is listed below.

Due to budget constraints and its effect on staffing, all requests for changes to the 2023-2024 course requests must be made no later than June 16, 2023. Please note that counselors do not work over the summer. Changes will be made only if you contact the counselor in writing by June 16 and if space permits. In an effort to minimize disruption to instructional time, once the school year starts, priority requests for changes will be to resolve scheduling conflicts or to resolve credit issues, i.e. student failed a course needed for graduation, did not meet the prerequisite due to the final grade, completed the course in summer school, etc.

It is also important for us to know if your student will not be returning to Hayfield next school year. If your student needs to unenroll from Hayfield for next school year, please contact Norma Reynolds, Registrar at nereynolds@fcps.edu, as soon as possible and scan or email her the following form: [Intent to Return for Next School Year .pdf](#)

Hayfield Student Services staff members look forward to working with you this coming year. We wish you the best for a successful end to this school year and a safe and restful summer!

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